



MAYOR PHIL GORDON

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Subject: In the Matter of LightSquared Subsidiary LLC Request for Modification of its Authority for an Ancillary Terrestrial Component; SAT-MOD-20101118-00239

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As Mayor, I have visited many countries around the world. Many of those countries are working to build higher-speed broadband networks because they know that their economic futures depend on businesses, schools, government agencies and families having access to reliable telecom infrastructure. With this in mind, Congress needs to make sure telecommunications infrastructure is a priority here in America, which is why I'm writing today.

Late last year, a company called LightSquared introduced itself to me because it was planning to begin testing its next-generation wireless broadband network in four markets, and Phoenix was one of those markets. I learned that their whole-sale business model would encourage broadband network innovation and competition by allowing retailers, device manufacturers, cable operators, internet content creators and others to sell wireless broadband.

Recently, I learned that potential interference with GPS signals may delay LightSquared's plans. To keep up with other countries increasing broadband capacity, America must look to innovative solutions like LightSquared's new broadband network. Therefore, I ask that you continue to work with LightSquared on this matter so that this important broadband service becomes available as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Phil Sords Mayor

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